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Dear Sir

I sent you word by Telegraph yesterday that your appointment was confirmed though I could get the information only in a negative way. That all was confirmed except those whose rejection has been published. So I took it for granted you were appointed; indeed I believe there is no doubt of it. I now enclose a published copy of the law in relation to your patent by which you will see that in the form as amended in the Senate has at the last been changed by the Committee of the House so as to put it in entirely a new form. It now gives only \$25,000 for the use of the patents, & that only upon the condition that the President thinks the use of them expedient, which will require telling to that effect from the Mint.

I see the law authorizes the appointment of an assayer in California at a salary of \$5000. Now if your plan is to be adopted, some one familiar with it should be appointed there. If you do not want it I should like pamphlets to have it; but how will not apply for it unless the Director & Assayer & others of the Mint will recommend him, as otherwise published influence will prevail in favor of others. Let me know if he can obtain letters from the officers of the Mint in his behalf.

I do not know what to say about advising you in this law: it seems to me that the patent is worth much more & I do not think I could give any interest for so low a sum. Still there are many things to be considered which perhaps cannot be seen at first view. I hope we shall see you soon at "Amelung". Respy
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